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**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A process for producing a paper product, in which paper in a particular form, and mixed with water, is subjected to pressure to form a compacted mass, said process comprising the steps of: depositing the mix onto a first conveyor belt and then progressively forming the conveyor belt into an upwardly open U-shape configuration and compressing the mix using a second conveyor belt guided to progressively enter the first conveyor belt and progressively compact the mix.
2. (Previously presented) A process for producing a paper product as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising the steps of extruding the compacted mass and dehydrating the compacted mass to reduce its moisture content.
3. (Previously presented) A process for producing a paper product as claimed in Claim 1, wherein coal dust is added to the mix.
4. (Previously presented) A process for producing a paper product as claimed in Claim 1, wherein calcium oxide is also added to the mix.
5. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for producing a paper product, wherein paper in a particulate form and mixed with water is subjected to pressure to form a compacted mass, said apparatus including:  
a first conveyor belt;  
means for progressively forming the first conveyor belt into an upwardly open U-shaped configuration; and  
a second conveyor belt with means for progressively guiding the second conveyor belt into the first conveyor belt to progressively compact the mix.
- 6-7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously presented) A paper product resulting from the process of Claim 1.